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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 26 March 1958

PRESENT: Gen. Cabell, Mr. Cutler, Adm. Foster, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Staats

1. Reported Soviet Dumping of Aluminum

Mr. Herter referred to recent reports to the effect that the Soviets have dumped 25,000 tons of aluminum on the London market. The reasons for this action and the implications of it were not immediately clear to any of the members. General Cabell undertook to have CIA study the matter and produce a report for discussion at next week's OCB luncheon.

2. Transport Aircraft for Underdeveloped Countries

A general discussion ensued on the possibility of supplying transport airplanes for use in underdeveloped countries. One of the possibilities discussed was that of urging American manufacturers to produce a cheap airplane which could replace the DC-3. It was also brought out in the discussion that should support along these lines become feasible, the equipment could have real value in the event of limited war. In such a situation mobility would be provided for friendly forces, and logistic support would be facilitated. Mr. Staats was asked to look into the desirability of a study by an appropriate OCB working group or by the Air Coordinating Committee on the extent of need for an aircraft of the type described above.

3. Invitation to Soviet Air Marshal Vershinin

The group then took up the matter of an invitation to Soviet Air Marshal Vershinin to visit the U.S. as reciprocation for General

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Twining's visit to the Soviet Union. It was decided that the invitation should not be issued until the summer of 1958, and that the time of Vershinin's visit should be at the convenience of the Secretary of Defense. It was thought that it might coincide with a military holiday, such as Veterans Day or Army or Air Force Day.

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